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SUBJECT: UNGA DISARMAMENT: CONSULTATION WITH FINNS ON
ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION (ENMOD) RESOLUTION

1. MARTIN (US REP) AND US DELOFFS MET NOVEMBER 1 WITH
PASTINEN AND RAJAKOSKI (FINLAND) AT FINNS' REQUEST TO
DISCUSS VARIOUS UNGA DISARMAMENT ISSUES. DISCUSSION
FOCUSSED ON TACTICS IN HANDLING RESOLUTION COMMENDING
ENMOD CONVENTION WHICH FINNS HAVE AGREED TO FLOOR MANAGE.

2. PASTINEN REPORTED THAT IN CONVERSATION EARLIER IN DAY
SOVIET DEL HEADED BY ISRAELYAN HAD BEEN QUITE IMPORTUNATE
TO FINNS TO SURFACE THE RESOLUTION AND "WRAP WHOLE MATTER
UP" AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. PASTINEN SAID FINNS HAD NOT
THOUGHT EXTREME HASTE CALLED FOR, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT
OF TIME THEY THOUGHT WOULD BE NEEDED TO OBTAIN
ADEQUATE NON-ALIGNED COSPONSORSHIP. HE ASKED WHETHER
US SHARED SOVIET VIEW ON THIS QUESTION.

3. MARTIN REPLIED THAT WHILE WE AGREED WITH FINNS ON
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STRONG DESIRABILITY OF SOLID CO-SPONSORSHIP INCLUDING

NON-ALIGNED, AND UNDERSTOOD THAT LINING THIS UP WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE SOME TIME, WE ALSO WERE CONCERNED TO BE SURE THAT FINLAND'S WOULD BE FIRST DRAFT RES TO SURFACE. THEREFORE, HE RECOMMENDED THAT FINNS SEEK TO LINE UP CO-SPONSORS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO BE READY TO MOVE THE RES ON SHORT NOTICE, IN EVENT MEXICANS (OR OTHERS) CAME UP WITH COMPETING DRAFT.

4. PASTINEN AGREED TO PURSUE THIS COURSE. HE SAID FINNS WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF CO-SPONSORSHIP BALANCED AMONG EAST, WEST AND NON-ALIGNED IN APPROXIMATE 5-5-10 RATIO. HE AND RAJAKOSKI REPORTED THAT IN INFORMAL SOUNDINGS NETHERLANDS, CANADA, UK AND DENMARK HAD ALREADY INDICATED READINESS TO CO-SPONSOR IF FORMALLY ASKED. SOVIETS HAD AGREED TO SUGGEST FOUR OR FIVE OF THEIR ALLIES THAT MIGHT BE APPROACHED. FINNS WERE BEGINNING THEIR SOLICITATION AMONG NON-ALIGNED WITH CO-SPONSORS OF LAST YEAR'S ENMOD RES. THEY ASKED US DEL FOR ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR NON-ALIGNED CO-SPONSORSHIP.

5. US DELOFFS OBSERVED THAT WE HAD MADE REPRESENTATIONS IN SELECTED CCD NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS' CAPITALS AND RECEIVED SEVERAL ENCOURAGING INITIAL RESPONSES. ON THIS BASIS THEY SUGGESTED FINNS TRY NIGERIA, ZAIRE AND MOROCCO IN ADDITION TO INDIA AND IRAN, WHO HAD CO-SPONSORED LAST YEAR. FINNS ASKED US VIEWS ON APPROACHING BRAZILIANS; US DELOFFS SAW NO HARM IN DOING SO BUT THOUGHT THAT WHILE THEY PROBABLY WOULD SUPPORT RES, BRAZILIANS COULD FIND CO-SPONSORSHIP DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF SUBSTANTIAL LATIN AMERICAN OPPOSITION THAT WAS TO BE ANTICIPATED.

6. LEAVING MEETING, RAJAKOSKI SUGGESTED THAT US SUPPORT FINNISH FEELERS ON CO-SPONSORSHIP TO WESTERN ALLIES THAT HAD BEEN MENTIONED. US DELOFF AGREED TO DO SO INFORMALLY. HE SUGGESTED THAT FINNS ALSO APPROACH AUSTRALIANS, WHO HAD BEEN AMONG CCD NON-MEMBERS MOST INTERESTED IN ENMOD PROJECT. US DELOFF ADDED PERSONAL VIEW THAT US AND USSR SHOULD JOIN AS CO-SPONSORS WHEN LIST WAS NEAR COMPLETION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO SIGNIFY THEIR CONTINUED STRONG BACKING OF CONVENTION TEXT. RAJAKOSKI, ALSO ON PERSONAL BASIS, THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE GOOD IDEA AND SAID FINNS WOULD PLAN ACCORDINGLY IN CONSIDERING OVERALL NUMERICAL BALANCE AMONG CO-SPONSORS.
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